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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

FIRST DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Republican Executive Com-
mittee for the First Congressional District of West
Virginia, held at Wheeling, August 11, 1886, it was
ordered:That a Convention of the Republicans of the
First Congressional District of West Virginia be
called to meet at Wheeling, W. Va., on TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 1886, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of
nominating a Republican candidate for Congress in
the First District, and for the transaction of any
other business that may properly come before the
Convention.The Republican voters of the First District are
respectfully requested to attend this call.

G. G. FORTNEY, Secretary.

Finerty the Pierce and this Month.

If the cause of Ireland were in the
keeping of such men as Finerty, of
Chicago, the future of that long suffering
country would be as hopeless as her past
has been miserable. Finerty doesn't en-
dorse the policy of Parnell or the measures
of Gladstone. The one doesn't move fast
enough and the other does not go far
enough to suit his untamed spirit. He
believes in terrifying England with dy-
namite, and the dynamite agent he regards
as a "brave and magnanimous" man. He
is willing to admit that moderation
may do for Mr. Parnell and Mr. Davis, but
for us who represent the national idea of
the Irish people it would be more than
foolish to conceal our sentiments.Mr. Davis being on the spot, might ask
Mr. Finerty, who is running this thing?Finerty is an American citizen. His chief
interest is supposed to be in the United
States, for which, as a member of Con-
gress, he has helped to make laws. What
has he to do with representing the
national idea of the Irish people? and
where does he propose to represent it?Finerty belongs to a class of men in this
country who are well called professional
Irishmen. They make a business of being
Irish, and they work the lead for politics
or for money or for both. They are
shrewd, plausible, self-asserting fellows
who capture meetings and carry dy-
namite revolutions, and furnish the bitter
enemies of Ireland with campaign thun-
der.Salisbury and Churchill and Chamber-
lain want nothing better than to reproduce
in England, with appropriate comments,
the empty mouthings of Finerty the
Pierce and his kind. Parnell says the
friends of Ireland are for moderation; and
Gladstone takes up the cudgels for Ire-
land. Finerty declares that England must be
"terrified," and Salisbury insists that
the Finerty kind in America represent the
real sentiment and the settled purpose of
Ireland. Finerty and his gang give the
lie to Parnell and Gladstone, and all the
Tories chuckle over the efficient work of
their allies in America.Nobody can say that British gold has
crossed the palms of the leather-lipped
patriots on this side of the Atlantic who
are exhorting Ireland to make haste to cut
her throat. Perhaps they find their profit
in other ways. Perhaps some of them
are merely insane. At all events they are
playing into the Tory hand and helping to
make Ireland more miserable than ever.
Fellow who feel as Finerty says he feels
ought to go to Ireland and be hanged—
the sooner the better for Ireland.

Mr. Haynes says Gladstone.

Mr. Bayard is an uncomfortable states-
man. He has a pending controversy with
the British Foreign Office. He is up to his
ears in the cutting scraps. A Mexi-
can judge defies him and the Government
of Mexico toys with him.Worse than all, he looked under the bed
and found lurking there Mr. Blaine, con-
cocting a fiendish scheme to be translated
into Spanish and sent to Mexico to show
the Greaser authorities how to put Mr.
Bayard in a hole and throw the earth on
him. It was this that brought to the
cheek of the Secretary of State the De-
lawer peach bloom of hot indignation and
induced him to put out a third person
statement with his own ancestral seal upon
it. Observe the Secretary's state of mind:Secretary Bayard and the officials of
his department bitterly complain of the
treatment received from those who
wish the present Administration evil.
It is hinted that several Republicans
have rendered themselves liable to pun-
ishment for their action in the present
trouble. A section of the Revised States
forbids any citizen of the United
States from holding communication with
a foreign country when engaged in a
controversy with this government for the
purpose of influencing the actions of that
country. It is well known that Repub-
licans and former officials of the govern-
ment are open to this charge in the case
commanding the attention of our diplo-
mats. The Secretary deeply regrets that
there are men who claim to be Americans,
and yet are guilty of such conduct. He
positively declares that he has not in the
slightest degree been intimidated by their
actions, and will conduct the cutting dis-
cussion as he originally intended, and
unless he finds reason to believe that
the case has not been correctly reported
to him, will enforce the release of Cut-
ting.Mr. Blaine has not yet been arrested,
but it cannot be long before he shall be
paraded through the streets of Wash-
ington, loaded with chains, on route to Capitol
Hill, there to be beheaded for having
more than ten feet high. Much diplo-
macy hath made Mr. Bayard absurd.

A Paper Flap.

Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

SPENCER, ROANE COUNTY, August 13.—

The Bulletin, which is the only paper
printed in this county and which claimed to
be neutral, in the issue of August 11,
says, "we have come to the conclusion that
a neutral paper has no opinion of its own,
therefore we have concluded to change,
and in the future politically we will be
Democratic." Once before a thing likethis took place in this county. On the eve
of a campaign, a paper was largely
supported by the Republican leaders
which held out to the other side. The
Republican of this county will not be
bamboozled any longer by such editors,
and in the near future will have a paper
in this county advocating the principles of
the Republican party. J. G.

JUST FORTY YEARS AGO.

How we went to war with Mexico and how
we came out.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

In 1835 the people of Texas, mostly colo-
nists from the United States, finding the
despotism of Mexico, of which country
Texas formed a part, intolerable, rose in
rebellion, and after about half a year's
fighting achieved their independence.General Samuel Houston, the most con-
spicuous Texas soldier, became President
of the new Republic in September, 1836.
Six months later the United States ac-
knowledged the independence of Texas.
Mexico did not relinquish its claim to
Texas, although making no further for-
mal attempt to subjugate it. Then, as
now, the Sabine river formed the Eastern
boundary of the Texas Republic, and the
Rio Grande the western. After solicita-
tion on the part of Texas it was annexed
to the United States in 1845, that act of
Congress which brought it about being
signed by President Tyler on March 1st
of that year, three days before the expira-
tion of his term of office. This led to the
war between the United States and Mexico.James K. Polk, who succeeded Taylor
as President, had been nominated and
elected because of his advocacy of annexa-
tion. One of his first official acts was to
send General Zachary Taylor, with a force
of about four thousand men to occupy the
territory between the Neches river and the
Rio Grande, in Texas. The United States
contended that the latter river formed
Texas' western boundary, while Mexico
insisted that the former, about one
hundred miles to the eastward, con-
stituted the western line. Taylor reached
the Rio Grande, opposite Matamoros, on
March 28, 1846, and erected Fort
Mifflin. The Mexicans also began fortifying their
side of the river. General Ampudia, the
Mexican commander, ordered Taylor to
retire beyond the Neches, saying that non-
compliance would be regarded by Mexico
as a declaration of war. Taylor refused
to fall back, and said that if Mexico
insisted on a conflict the United States
would not avoid it. A collision occurred,
in which the Mexicans were the aggressors.
President Polk asked Congress for men
and money to carry on the war forced
upon the country by Mexico. Congress
at once appropriated \$10,000,000, which
was deemed a large sum for any such
purpose in those days, and empowered
the President to call for 50,000 volunteers.
This force was quickly raised, but before
they were placed in the field hostilities
had actually begun.General Arista, who succeeded Ampudia
as commander of the Mexican army on the
Rio Grande, crossed that river into
Texas on May 8, 1846, with 6,000 soldiers,
and attacked Taylor who had only 2,300
men. The Mexicans were defeated with
great loss. This was the battle of Palo
Alto, the first regular engagement of the
Mexican war. Ampudia retired to Resaca
de la Palma, where he was attacked the
next day by Taylor and driven across the
river into Mexico. Taylor, who was then
promoted to the rank of major general,
invaded Mexico and occupied Matamoros.
Receiving reinforcements, he began his
march into the interior of Mexico in Sep-
tember, and on the 24th of that month,
after desperate fighting, which continued
for several days, he captured Monterey.
The American forces in that battle were
6,625, nearly all volunteers, while the Mex-
icans consisted of 10,000 regulars. Part of
his army was then sent to reinforce Gen.
Scott, who entered Mexico from Vera
Cruz. On February 23, 1847, Taylor, with
5,000 men, defeated 21,000 Mexican veter-
ans under Santa Anna at Buena Vista.
This was the last battle in Taylor's cam-
paign, the Mexicans not attempting to in-
terfere with the Americans in that por-
tion of Mexico during the remainder of
the war.In August, 1846, Gen. Stephen Kearney
marched from Fort Leavenworth and
wrested New Mexico from the Mexican
country. He then went to California,
which had also been a portion of Mexico
up to this time, and found that Col. John
C. Fremont and Commodore Stockton had
conquered that province in the name of
the United States. Taylor's victorious career
of the Americans was continued by 1,000
Missouri volunteers under command of
Col. Doniphan, making a descent on the
city of Chihuahua and capturing it.Fifteen days after the battle of Buena
Vista General Scott, with 15,000 men,
invaded Vera Cruz, the principal port of
Mexico, defended by its strongest fort-
ress, which was soon captured. Then be-
gan another series of American victories
as brilliant and conspicuous as those won
by General Taylor five hundred miles
to the northwest a few months before.
That at Cerro Gordo took place on April
18, followed by the capture of Jalapa on
the 19th, Fortes on the 22d, and Puebla
on the 25th. Being completely encircled
and captured Contreras and Churubusco
on August 20. An armistice ending with
treaty on September 13, and the follow-
ing day the American army entered the
City of Mexico, the capital of the coun-
try, and hung the stars and stripes to the
breeze from the top of the national
palace. This ended hostilities.The Americans, whether under Taylor
or Scott, had been successful in every bat-
tle fought, although confronted by su-
perior numbers, in a country which in-
terposed great natural obstacles to the
march of an invading army. Considering
the results attained and the difficulties
encountered with the means at command,
those campaigns should rank with the
most conspicuous military exploits record-
ed in the annals of war, and deserve a
place in history beside Alexander's sub-
jugation of Asia, Caesar's conquest of
Gaul, Bonaparte's overthrow of France,
Nathaniel Greene's campaign against Cor-
wallis and Sherman's march to the sea.On February 2, 1848, about five months
after Scott entered the Mexican capital,
the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was
negotiated, and a few weeks later Mex-
ico was evacuated by the American troops.
Mexico in this treaty conceded the Rio
Grande as the western boundary of Texas,
and gave New Mexico and California to
the United States, on country paying
Mexico \$15,000,000 and assuming Mexico's
debts to American citizens, providing
those debts should not exceed \$3,000,000.
Thus ended the third and last war waged
by the United States against a foreign
power.The principal of the public debt was
\$15,550,302 on July 1, 1846, which had
grown to \$47,044,862 on July 1, 1848, an
increase of \$31,494,000, nearly all of which
growth was caused by the war.

Mr. Langphere's Box of Peaches.

A. D. Langphere, of Coldwater, found a
box of peaches in his office doorway Sat-
urday morning addressed to himself and
marked "peaches." Suspecting all was not
right he dug a hole in the ground in which
he first placed paper saturated with oil,
then put in the box and set fire to the
paper. The machine soon exploded,
blowing spikes, glass and pieces of iron for
a distance of twenty feet in every direc-
tion.

A Healthy Body and a Clear Head.

If the body is healthy and the mind is
clear, the body, the head cannot be clear.
The senses react upon the brain most hurtfully,
and produce a cloudiness in the organ of thought
not experienced by a healthy man. Happily these
disturbing influences may be entirely dis-
tributed by that powerful agent, Hostetter's
Stomach Bitters, which cheers, refreshes and in-
vigorates the brain and nerves, while it regulates the
organs of digestion, assimilation, and blood secre-
tion. It expels the malarious humors which pool on
the system through the bowels and urinary pas-
sages, and exerts a powerful tonic influence on the
system. In chronic cases it never fails to
relieve, and in acute cases it never fails to
cure. As an appetizer and sleep promoter, it is
unrivalled; it mitigates the irritations of
the stomach, and soothes the system, and
sex across premature decay, and builds up an en-
dowed physique.

soldier's Resolute at New Martinsville.

New Martinsville, W. Va., August 17.

The second annual reunion of the Capt.
Philip Bier Post and picnic is about ar-
ranged for in all its details. It will take
place on the 25th and 26th of the present
month at this place, and we are expecting
as large an attendance as we can well take
care of. Our exercises will consist of
welcoming visiting comrades, social con-
verse, speeches, camp fires, etc. We will
have two brass bands and the drum corps
of the Fourteenth West Virginia Infantry
of the war of 1861; also vocal music. All
Confederate officers and soldiers known to
us in this section of the State have been
invited to come and spend a day with us.
And all whom we have missed by not
knowing them will please accept this as
an invitation to come. In this connection
we desire to say that we are watching
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